

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (original) A coffee composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

from 0.01 to 1 wt.% of (A) chlorogenic acids,

less than 0.1 wt.%, based on the amount of the chlorogenic acids, of (B) hydroxyhydroquinone.

Claim 2 (original) A coffee composition comprising from 0.01 to 1 wt.% of chlorogenic acids, characterized in that in high performance liquid chromatography, the composition has no substantial peak within a range of a relative retention time of from 0.54 to 0.61 with respect to gallic acid used as a reference substance.

Claim 3 (original) The coffee composition according to Claim 1 or 2, which is a hypertension alleviating composition.

Claim 4 (original) The coffee composition according to claim 1 or 2, which has a hypertension alleviating effect and has, attached thereto, a label indicating that the composition is useful for alleviating hypertension.

Claim 5 (original) The coffee composition according to Claim 1 or 2, which has, attached thereto, a label indicating the composition is useful for those having a higher blood pressure.

Claim 6 (original) A soluble coffee composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

from 0.1 to 10 wt.% of (A) chlorogenic acids
less than 0.1 wt.%, based on the amount of the chlorogenic acids, of (B)
hydroxyhydroquinone.

Claim 7 (original) A soluble coffee composition comprising from 0.1 to 10 wt.% of chlorogenic acids, characterized in that in high performance liquid chromatography, the composition has no substantial peak within a range of a relative retention time of from 0.54 to 0.61 with respect to gallic acid used as a reference substance.

Claim 8 (original) The soluble coffee composition according to Claim 6 or 7, which is a hypertension alleviating composition.

Claim 9 (original) The soluble coffee composition according to claim 6 or 7, which has a hypertension alleviating effect and has, attached thereto, a label indicating that the composition is useful for reducing blood pressure.

Claim 10 (original) The soluble coffee composition according to Claim 6 or 7, which has, attached thereto, a label indicating the composition is useful for those having a higher blood pressure.

Claim 11 (original) A packaged beverage filled with a coffee composition comprising the following components (A) and (B):

from 0.01 to 1 wt.% of (A) chlorogenic acids
less than 0.1 wt.%, based on the amount of the chlorogenic acids, of (B)
hydroxyhydroquinone.

Claim 12 (original) The packaged beverage according to Claim 11, which is a hypertension alleviating composition.

Claim 13 (original) The packaged beverage according to claim 11, which has a hypertension alleviating effect and has, attached thereto, a label indicating that the beverage is useful for alleviating hypertension.

Claim 14 (original) The packaged beverage according to Claim 11, which has, attached thereto, a label indicating the beverage is useful for those having a higher blood pressure.

Claim 15 (original) The packaged beverage according to any one of Claims 11 to 14, wherein the package is oxygen impermeable.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The process for preparing a coffee composition as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to ~~5~~ 2, which comprises treating a roasted coffee beans extract with activated carbon having an average pore size of 5 angstrom (Å) or less in a micropore region.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A process for preparing a soluble coffee composition as claimed in any one of Claims 6 to ~~10~~ 7, which comprises treating a roasted coffee beans extract with activated carbon having an average pore size of 5 angstrom (Å) or less in a micropore region to yield a coffee composition containing hydroxyhydroquinone in an

amount less than 0.1 wt.% of the total chlorogenic acid amount; and spray drying or freeze drying the coffee composition.